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The internal purpose of this publication is to provide a Clearing House for secondary classical teachers in New York and vicinity or anywhere else; to afford an opportunity to younger classical scholars anywhere for the publication of their more modest endeavors along the line of original work, which might not otherwise see the light; to stimulate the teaching and quicken the student activity in the classical work in the high schools of Greater New York. The external purpose is to establish one or more College-entrance-scholarships for the most successful graduates from high schools in New York City, to be awarded on a competitive examination. The proceeds over and above expenses will be devoted to a scholarship fund. The labor involved is a labor of love.

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THE LATIN LEAFLET does not appear during any week interrupted by a holiday or a vacation.

Numbers 13 and 25 will contain an account of the finances of the SCHOLARSHIP FUND, with acknowledgments of all money received. The financial status of THE LEAFLET will also be shown in these issues.

The New Scholarship Patrons

It gives the Editorial Committee great pleasure to announce as new accessions to the list of SCHOLARSHIP PATRONS for 5 years the following gentlemen: Dr Arthur H Cutler, of The Cutler School, New York; Dr Ernst Riess, of the Boys' High School, New York; Mr F C Hogdon, of Ginn & Co., New York.

The New Leaflet Patrons

Since our last notice we have the honor to announce the following LEAFLET PATRONS (5 years): President A T Hadley, of Yale University; President William F Warren, of Boston University; Professor L H Moore, of Vassar College; Professor J W Thomas, of Allegheny College; Professor W B Owen, of Lafayette College; Professor W C Lawton, of Adelphi College; A Emerson Palmer, Dr E M Wahl, Mr J A Haniphy, Mr J J Malarkey, Mr Charles S Hartwell, Mr Frank W Freeborn, Mr C Lewis, Mr H Paul, Mr A Fischlowitz, Dr J L Arnold, Mr G S Morgan, Mr S McK Smith, Mr L C Syms, Mr H R Linville, Miss Alice B Dudek, Dr Paul S Stallhofen.

Membership in the Latin Club

The Executive Committee of the New York Latin Club, at their last meeting, voted that all who before the end of the present century signify to the Secretary, Mr A L Hodges, 36 East Twelfth Street, New York, their intention of joining the Club are to be regarded as charter members of the organization. There are four conditions of membership: (1) Interest in Latin studies; (2) The payment of a membership fee of \$1 a year; (3) The payment of \$5 into the Scholarship Fund (this may be paid in installments of \$1 a year for 5 years); (4) Signing the constitution. Further information may be obtained from the secretary by correspondence.

The First Meeting of the Latin Club

The first meeting of the Latin Club, which took the form of a luncheon at the Hotel Albert, New York, on Saturday, November 24, was regarded as a very auspicious one by all who were fortunate enough to be present. No personal notices were sent out and no special endeavor was made to get together a large showing, but the number present was far in excess of the attendance expected. Again, the presence of the two opposite poles of the Latin grammatical battery in this country, in the persons of Professor Harkness, Sr, of Brown University, and Professor Lodge, of The Teachers' College, made the occasion one of unusual interest. Professor Lodge addressed the Club informally on the attitude of the Latin Grammar maker toward the practical problems of the secondary Latin teacher. His main point was that a Latin Grammar is or should be made for the Latin teacher and not for the pupil, and that upon the teacher rested very largely the burden of interpretation. Professor Harkness, to whom Dr Lodge had gracefully referred as "the Nestor of Latin grammarians", on being requested to speak, replied in a very happy and winning style, skillfully emphasizing the need of keeping in full view the practical needs of the pupils.

Aside from the opportunity afforded of meeting these representatives of Latin scholarship, the chief benefit of the meeting was probably subjective, in that everyone went away with a far less complaining spirit about his Latin troubles—a result born most likely of a clearer appreciation of somebody else's point of view.

The occasion was graced also by the presence of Professor Sihler, of The New York University, and Professor Owen, of Lafayette College, but the fulfillment of the published promise not to extend the meeting beyond two o'clock, made it impossible for the president, much to his regret, to call upon these distinguished guests.

A word of praise is certainly due to Mr Slater, the genial manager of the hotel, for the excellent luncheon served. Many were heard to say that they had often partaken of much worse fare for double the price, which was only 50 cents a plate.

A Brief Chapter of Demonology

It is the especial privilege of the classical scholar to view the whole current of European thought and speech as one ever-changing but unbroken stream. Latin is so permeated and informed by Hellenic thought and fancy that it often seems half a dialect of Greek. The vulgar Roman speech of Gaul passes imperceptibly into Mediaeval French. The Norman element in English is not a mass of foreign borrowed material like our own Indian words, but as integral and original a portion of Shakspeare's mother-tongue